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MARIETTA WATER RAISES RATES TO OFFSET COST INCREASES

Marietta Water will raise water and sewer rates in January 2008 to offset increases in the costs the utility incurs in operating its water and wastewater systems.

Our water supplier, Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, informed us that they must raise their water rate by 11.5 percent effective January 1, 2008. In addition, the Cobb County Water System will increase the amount we pay for wastewater treatment by four percent effective January 1, 2008.

Marietta Water also remains very aware of our obligation to provide you with safe and clean water on a reliable basis. For that reason, we continually plan ahead to ensure that we maintain our systems well in order to provide reliable and high-quality service to our customers. This requires substantial capital investments in our infrastructure and upgrades to existing service lines. The rate increase that takes effect in January is also necessary in order to fulfill that mission.

As a result, Marietta Water will have to raise our water and sewer rates accordingly. We know rate changes affect our customers' budgets, and we will continue working to keep the impact as little as possible. The chart below shows how the new rates compare to the old rates.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Customer Service Department at (770) 794-5150. ⚡



Residential Water Service Rates

	January 2007 through December 2007	Effective January 1, 2008
Minimum Bill (0-2,000 gallons):	\$10.61	\$12.10
Tier 1 (2,000 – 7,000 gallons):	\$2.53 per thousand gallons	\$2.88 per thousand gallons
Tier 2 (7,000 – 12,000 gallons):	\$2.91 per thousand gallons	\$3.60 per thousand gallons
Tier 3 (12,000 or more gallons):	\$3.29 per thousand gallons	\$5.76 per thousand gallons

Residential Sewer Service Rates

Minimum Bill (0-2,000 gallons):	\$11.52	\$12.21
Commodity Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$5.76 per thousand gallons	\$6.11 per thousand gallons

Irrigation Water Rates

Minimum Bill (0-2,000 gallons):	\$10.61	\$12.10
2,000 or more gallons:	\$2.91 per thousand gallons	\$5.76 per thousand gallons

Commercial Water Rates

* Minimum Bill (0-2,000 gallons):	\$10.61	\$12.10
2,000-20,000 gallons:	\$2.53 per thousand gallons	
20,000-1,000,000 gallons:	\$2.27 per thousand gallons	
1,000,000 gallons or more:	\$2.02 per thousand gallons	
Commodity Charge per 1,000 gallons:		\$2.88

* Commercial - for meters one inch or smaller. Minimum bill varies with meter size.

CORRECTION

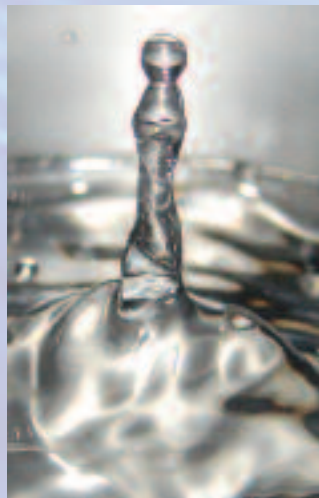
The December 2007 issue of *Connected* incorrectly reported that “Only commercial car washes that have a water recycling system may remain in operation.” The story should have read: “All commercial car washes may remain in operation. In addition, commercial car washes that have a water recycling system

will be exempt from the conservation goal of 90 percent of their average water usage (December 2006 to March 2007).” We apologize for any confusion caused by this error. For complete information on current water use restrictions, please visit www.marietta-water.com. ⚡

Marietta Water Customers Have Option for Discontinued Irrigation Service During Drought Emergency

Marietta Water customers can have their irrigation service discontinued while outdoor watering restrictions remain in effect. For customers that want to ensure they have no consumption on their irrigation meter, upon customer request, Marietta Water will turn the irrigation service off. You will need to remember to request that the service be turned back on once we reach a level that allows for outdoor watering.

Customers should contact Marietta Water at (770) 794-5150 to request that the utility turn off their irrigation service. This will also eliminate the base fee from their water bills until the crisis has passed. ⚡



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 13 through February 24

Theatre in the Square • Main Stage

Room Service By John Murray and Allen Boretz

This mile-a-minute, laugh-a-minute farce was also a hilarious Marx Brothers movie. Call (770) 424-2637 for more information.

Sunday, February 10

Daddy Daughter Dance

2:30 to 5 p.m.

Marietta Conference Center and Resort

The event is open to girls, ages 5 to 12, and their fathers or another special man in their life. The afternoon will be filled with music, dancing, games and activities. For more information call Marietta Parks and Recreation at (770) 794-5601.

Thursday, February 14

Happy Valentine's Day!

February 17 through March 16

Theatre in the Square • Alley Stage

Blue Door By Tanya Barfield

There is a belief in many cultures that if you paint your door blue, you keep away evil spirits. Beautiful storytelling highlighted with humor and song. Call (770) 424-2637 for more information.

Monday, February 18

President's Day

March 8 and 9

Georgia Ballet

La Sylphide

Saturday at 2 & 7 p.m.

Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Cobb County Civic Center

In this poetic and utterly beautiful tale, love and loyalty are countered with deception and trickery. This vividly theatrical classic is the cornerstone of Romantic ballet. Call (770) 528.0881 for tickets and information.

Mark your calendars!

Sunday, April 27

Taste of Marietta

For more information call (770) 429-1115

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